PROCEASTINATION.

BY SQUIRE HORES. Now prone we are to say forgive And plight our faith to err no more, Then o'er sgain the error live And penitent the wrong deplore.

"Tis said 'tis human thus to err And leave undone some wonted task And yet 'tis human to prefer For wrong forgiveness thus to ask.

We fully think in earnest mood
To faithfully perform the trust,
But other cares such intrude
And from our minds the duty thrust.

Mayhap a letter long delayed We owe some anxious, waiting friend; But blams we hope to then evade, And want of time to write pretand.

Vain hope! That very friend, in sooth, Has pleaded oft the same excuse; And, knowing well its want of truth, He, smiling, labels it a ruse.

Full many a promise rashly made Is fated ne'er to be redeemed; Full many a duty long delayed Has lost to us a friend esteemed. 1000, Ind.

TARRYING WITH FLUIDS

BY JOHN STEPHENS.

James Drummond sat at the dining-table of the Grand Pacific Hotel. His neighbors, two gentlemen of strikingly handsome appearance, made themselves particularly agreeable. A waiter brought a telegram addressed to James Drummond, the address on which he read in an audible voice. The two gentlemen exchanged

Significant glances.

One of them, Col. Lamont, a large portly man with a fund of anecdote and an unctuous laugh, renewed his attentions to Mr. Drummond, at whose jokes he gave the ready compliment of the laugh.

The other guest at the table was Charles Burrows, tall, thin, and refined, with a pleasant sm le, though into his eyes at times would come a hungry, keen look that was not altogether pleasant.

Both gentlemen were evidently old friends, and judging by their conversation were capitalists who had many dealings together in cattle and real estate.

Whenever Drummond asked a question or made a remark they listened with respectful attention. He came to the conclusion that they were by long odds the most pleasant and well-bred gentlemen he had met since his arrival in the West.

After a cigar in the office a game of cards to pass away the time was suggested by the Colonel, to which proposition Drummond readily acceded.

It was a pleasant game, and after a few hours'amusement Mr. Burrows pulled out his watch and remarked:

"Colonel, business before pleasure. You know we are to be up early to-morrow to meet William on at the stock yards and close that deal.

Yes, I had forgotten about that. Mr. Drummond, we shall be pleased to meet you some other evening, when we have no early engagement in the morning, but you will have to excuse u- now, and give us our revenge at some other time."

Drammond retired with his winnings. which were not very extensive, and left his card-table companions cogitating evidently over some important matter of "Colonel, I think, by the looks of things,

that the game is working to perfection. "Yes, Charlie, and that was a good move of yours to dismiss him early. Business before pleasure, you know."

At this recollection the Colonel gave a hearty laugh, and, lighting a cigar, proceeded to deal from the pack of cards, "I have got it at my finger ends-can do ft every time," he exclaimed.

"Yes," was the response from his companion, "you are all right if you keep sober; but you make a most bungling mess of it when you indulge in liquor.

The Colonel tilted his cigar and ex-claimed, "Now, Charlie, give us a rest on lecturing. Didn't I tell you he was the man? You saw by the telegram that his name was James Drummond. He is the cattle-king of Montana and takes a pride in his prowess at the card table. Few of the men in the Rockies, I am told, can get away with him. But it's my opinion that with your aid, my dear Charlie, we will show him the higher mathematics of poker and give him a college degree

that-will cost-well. considerable. "There is one thing that struck me as unaccountable," said Burrows, "that when we got into a discussion on cattle. mentioned the stock-yards, and the deal we were having on hand, he took but little notice and conducted himself like a man who was in no wise interested.

"There he showed his shrewdness," said the Colonel. "You don't think he was going to enter into any discussion with us when he supposed by our conversation that we were in the same trade. These cattlemen are not in the habit of giving

their business away."

Here a tap was heard on the door, and in response to the cheerful "come in" of Mr. Burrows the door opened and a beautiful girl of about ten came bounding in and threw herself into his arms.

"Oh, papa!" she exclaimed, breathlessly, Mrs. Randolph has asked me to go to the matinee to-morrow afternoon. May I go?"
"Yes, you may, but don't let your foolish little tongue run away with your good sense, and you mustn't let late hours and dissipation take the bloom off your cheek which you acquired on our ranch in Mon-

"Our ranch in Montana!" exclaimed the girl, in astonishment. "Charlie," said the Colonel, in a disgusted tone, "that game won't work. There is too much truth in those eyes."

"You were too young, my dear, to re-" continued Burrows, taking no notice of the Colonel's remonstrance, "but you had many happy days in the far West on our ranch, where the cattle, like those of Scripture, were on a thousand hills. If Mrs. Randolph asks you any questions about me, say that your father is a large dealer in cattle, and what I tell you is so. because I say it's so."

The girl looked incredulous, but kissing her papa good-night, said, artlessty: "I don't recollect, papa, of being on a ranch, but I know I was there because dear, kind old papa knows best where I was long ago.'

After she was gone the two men put on their overcoats and left the hotel by the Jackson street entrance.

Next evening at dinner Drummond found himself in the company of the interesting companions of the previous evening, and, after cigars, accompanied them

The game was a little more interesting to him, and about nine o'clock he found himself about \$250 out of pocket, but for-tunately a waiter brought a telegram which required his immediate presence at the Sherman House on a matter of business. He arose, and explaining that he could

not afford himself the pleasure of spending a longer time in such agreeable company, but promising to take his revenge next evening, bowed h mself out.

"Deuced unlucky," growled the Colonel. the me "I was in the best possible shape and could deal out any hand to order I could meet. see he was getting hot at losing, and I was

Burrows, "and to-morrow night we will open the game in good earnest. Funds are getting short, as I have some bills to meet, and we must replenish our bank ac-count. Suppose you let me have \$200?"

The Colonel consented, and Burrows, after placing it in the bureau drawer, put

the key under a mat on the mantlepiece.
"Guess I'll go down to Jim's, on Clark
street," yawned the Colonel, 'and try my

"See that you let the fluid on the sideboard alone and you will be sure to come out all right." "There, you are lecturing again," pet-tishly responded the Colonel. "Don't you suppose that I'm man enough to do a thing

when I say I'll doit?' "Give me your hand on it and I'll

with you."
This the Colonel did, and after a lengthened period the two men returned with considerable winnings, and to the \$200 in the bureau over \$700 as Burrows' share

was added.

"Now," he soliloquized as he retired for the night, "I have enough to send Ada to school and pay her bills. She won't have to live longer with her crabbed aunt whom she detests. This is a great relief to my mind. Now I'm in magnificent shape to tackle the cattle king to-morrow night. I hope the Colonel will keep to his promise, but I didn't like the longing looks he cast on the sideboard this even-

After transacting business Drummond returned to his hotel and turned into bed sincerely hoping that luck would be riend him when next he played with his interesting friends.

The Colonel, who had all his life indulged in stimulants, felt their need. He awoke about noon and after breakfast strolled down to the gambling den where

he had spent the previous evening.

Luck favored him at first, but he soon lost heavily. The tempting sideboard allured him. He drank. Kept on drinking and losing. His was a temperament that one drink acted on him like a lighted match to a hay stack. Soon every cent was gone. After watching the other players gloomily for some time he sprang up with a frown, as if he had formed a disagreeable resolution, returned to the hotel, passed Drummond, who was standing in the porch, with a hurried bow, went to Burrows' room, unlocked the bureau and took \$500, leaving but \$450 in

Drummond stood watch at the Postoffice in a contemplative mood, and in an abstracted way gezed at a girlish figure crossing over. She looked up and waved her hand gracefully to some one in the hotel, and while so doing did not perceive the rapid approach of a team driven by s man evidently in an intoxicated state.

Drummond at once saw the danger. and, dashing over, felt the hot breath of the horses in his face, but was just in time to seize the girl and drag her out of the way, but not before the muddy wheels had soiled her dress.

He bore the terrified child into the hotel, and at the ladies' entrance encountered the pale face of Mr. Burrows, who. exclaiming, "Thank God, my girl is safe!" turned to her rescuer and was profuse in his thanks.

Speaking to the clerk shortly afterward, he mentioned the occurrence, and asked the official if he would mention the affair to the reporters, stating in effect that James Drummond, the great Montana cattle king, had rescued the daughter of Charles Burrows, a prominent ranchman of the same State, from being run over, and that both were guests of the hotel.
"James Drummond, of Montana," said

the clerk, "left here two days ago. have a James Drummond stopping here but he is a commercial traveler who represents a New York iron firm. There he is coming out of the waiting-room.

Mr. Burrows was dumfounded at the information. The game of fleecing a cattle king could not be played, and all he and his partner had accomplished was to get \$250 out of a drummer, who could ill afford such a loss, and who had rescued his child from a horrible death.

"The strong hours conquer us," said Schiller. Reparation must be made, and he quickly devised a plan to accomplish his object. He had nearly \$800 in the bureau, and the Colonel had almost as much. He had sufficient to pay his bills and send his daughter to school. He determined to invite Drummond up that evening and by methods at which he was an expert allow him to win back the \$250 he had lost.

He noticed at dinner that the Colonel was very flushed and uneasy, and showed evident signs that he had been indulging. "His condition chimes in excellently well with my plan. I shall now have no difficulty in carrying it out," he said to

The Colonel took a hand and intimated that the time had come for business. Somehow his combination failed to work, and Drummond was soon a winner to an amount equivalent to his previous losses.

The Colonel, with an oath, threw down the cards and staggered to his room. This broke up the game and Burrows, after again thanking Drummond for saving his child, bid him a kindly good-

night, remarking: My dear fellow, we must not play any The Colonel and I can afford such trifling losses, which only tend to make the game interesting, but you are not in a position to take such risks.

Drummond retired, feeling the force of the remark, and after his departure Burrows examined the bureau-drawer and found that he had but little over \$200 left. He'rushed to the Colonel's room and demanded an explanation.

The Colonel confessed that he had fallen from grace, but tried to scothe the matter by informing Burrows that they would work Drummond next evening for a big stake.

"Look here, Colonel," said Burrows, in a hoarse voice, "all connection with us ceaves from this time. You go your way and I'll go mine. That man is not a cattle king but a commercial traveler. This afternoon he saved my child. I saw you were intoxicated to-night, and worked your combination in his favor. My act and your breach of promise has left me but \$200 to face the world on; but I would do precisely what I have done to-night if it left me penniless."

How We Are Made. "Hullo, Billy," shouted a Norwich public-school boy of the primary division to a parochial-school chum, "I'm studying hijine and phizzerology now! Don't teach 'em in your school, does they? They tells yer all about yourself, just how many insisters and molers yer have in yer mouth, and how yer all tied together with ligerments. If these teachers tell the truth, Billy, we're dun up just as carefully as a bundle o dried apples is."—Norwich

"It is the partings in this world that give us pain," sadly sings a poet. It is the meetings too. If you don't believe this, ask the man who has a note to

A ROCHESTER girl has an admirer on the point of proposing in a careless way to double the stakes."

"We have got him fast," responded She calls him her gumbeau. who always brings her chewing gum.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS TO PEOPLE WHO CONTEMPLATE BUILDING.

Several Plans for Residences Ranging from \$1,500 to \$5,000-Useful Information oa the Subject of Planning and Building

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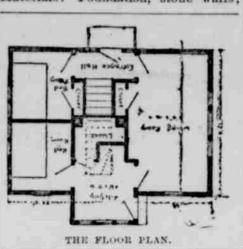
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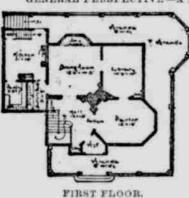
umn cuts, is presented for the benefit of those of our readers who can afford to build such a house, the design of a Of course, this design can be so modified as to lessen the cost very materially. Size of structure: Front, including kitchen and parlor bay, 41 feet. Side, not including verandas, 31 feet, 6 feet, 6 inches; first story, 9 feet, 6 ness is something considerably less inches; second story, 8 feet, 6 inches. than beauty. Materials: Foundation, stone walls;



building by first story, clapboards; second story, the natural shingles; gables, shingles; roof of grade. The house, slate; of verandas, shingles. furnace and The special features are: A compact hit just back of the ear with an empty kitchen arrangement of rooms. All the rooms beer-bottle aimed with great accuracy should be on north side, the dining- of the first floor communicate. Direct and power, and injured to such an exroom to east and south, the library to access to the front hall from the tent that he was no longer available for north and west, and the parlor to south kitchen without passing through a livand west. All natural advantages of ing room. Heater pipes and registers his accounterments and sold to a street site should be retained, if practicable. are provided in all the rooms. The

On the exterior put no finished work attic is plastered and finished in one that will be hidden by vines, etc., or large playroom for children; three or on the interior that will be hidden by four bedrooms can be made instead, if side-boa ds, book-cases, or other things preferred. Cellar under the whole drawing a bob-tail car up a steep of a permanent character. Every house. Laundry under library. The grade, and he smiled to think of the

GENERAL PERSPECTIVE -A FIVE-THOUSAND-DOLLAR HOUSE.



foot of space in a building should be

tion is of stone, the first story of clear

siding and shingles and gable and roof

shingles. The plan provides a living

room, kitchen and two bed rooms on

the first floor and a large well lighted

attic. The chimney provides flues for

all rooms, and by arching them togeth-

er over stairs they are brought through

the roof in one top, saving expense.

Two pleasant rooms are furnished in

the attic. There is no cellar, but for

\$150 additional one could be built un-

der that portion of the house reached

by stairs opening from the large

kitchen closet. This plan, with slight

modifications, would make a servicea-

planned for the money. Its cost is

The special features of this house are:

FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR COTTAGE.

The arrangement of kitchen gives

direct access therefrom to cellar, and

a means of communication to any part of the house, without entering adjoin-

ing rooms. There is no direct connec-

tion between the dining-room and the

kitchen, the passage being through the

pantry. By this arrangement the odors

of cooking are shut off from the dining-

room and other parts of the house. The

fireplaces in parlor, dining-room and

kitchen are arranged in such a manner

as to bring the flues together in the

attic, thus making only one top, and saving considerable expense. There

is ample closet-room, the pantry is

convenient to both dining-room and

kitchen, the dining-room closet is con-

structed to contain china, and to make

the parlor symmetrical in shape. There

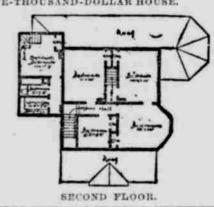
is ample storage-room in the attic.

The bath-room is convenient to all the

other rooms, and being over the

ble and cheap suburban cottage.

utilized and well lighted.



feature of a building should indicate size of rooms is shown in the floor a reason for its existence, and every plans. Give the womanly element to rooms.

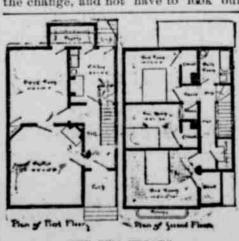
All rooms that are attractive look as if The first plan printed in this article they were occupied, and there should be nothing in them that seriously in- related the circumstance at his hotel shows an unusually pretty cottage, a small one, it is true, but large enough for a neat, cozy little home. It can be erected at a cost of \$1,500. The founda-



A TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR HOUSE.

The second house shown is also well terferes with comfort. If a room is to be furnished let it have in it, first, the \$2,000. The foundation is stone and things that are required; afterward, the brick, the first story clapboarding. things that are necessary to make it interesting.

The successful furnishing of a room depends quite as much on taste as it does on the length of one's purse. People of moderate means should avoid spending too much on chairs and tables. The eye rarely rests on the table, but it always looks at the things too small for comfort or beauty. Therefore have a large table, with writing materials and ample room for books and papers. Avoid gilt on wall papers, and velvet and plush in carpets and furniture if your rooms are small. If possible, compare wall papers and carpets to see how they affect one another, and do not take it for granted that if they are pretty in themselves they will be pretty together. Give rooms that open from one loney, there's yer pig, take it!" another decidedly different tones of color, that the eye may be rested by the change, and not have to look out



THE TWO FLOORS.

kitchen makes the plumbing simple the details of the change. If economy and economical. The first and second has to be practiced, begin by leaving stories are plastered. Cellar under the off the borders of carpets, and the wide whole house. This plan can be modi- frieze from wall papers. If you want his overcoat. fied to suit any special requirements, to beautify a room, use it constantly, In the foregoing designs the cost and the things that accumulate, bedoes not exceed \$2,000. In this de- cause they are wanted, will give the he never possesses .- Boston Courier. give everything away.

HINTS ABOUT HOUSES. scription, illustrated in the double col- room the character that it needs, which will be a reflection of your own. There is unlimited scope for the exercise of womanly tact and taste in the really beautiful home costing \$5,000. arrangement and furnishing of every room. What we need in house decoration is, first of all, fitness, and then beauty. But beauty is composed of many elements - strength, dignity, meaning, character, as well as grace inches. Height of stories: Cellar, 6 of form and harmony of color. Pretti-

FABLES.

THE HORSE AND THE ASS. The Horse, adorned with his great war saddle and champing his foaming bits, though he didn't foam a bit himself, came thundering down the turnpike in imitation of that ebony equine Buchanan Read celebrates in "Sheridan's Ride." When Winchester was only five miles away he overtook an Ass loaded with sutler's supplies, moving slowly along on the same track. Immediately the Horse sang out to

him, "Clear the track, for I am com-The Ass did as commanded, and the Horse "swept on with eyes full of fire," and Winchester-well, Winchester wasn't more than about a mile and a half away by this time.

Not long after this same Horse, in a fight with Indians on the front ear, was the hippodrome, so he was stripped of railroad company.

One day the Ass, who, for good conduct under fire had been promoted to haul a tea-delivery wagon, met the day when this same horse came tearing down the turnpike champing his bit so madly. Now he didn't champ a bit.

Moral-Pride often has a fall, and occasionally a hard winter.

THE LIONESS AND THE FOX. One day the Lioness and the Fox got talking over family affairs, and the Fox took occasion to commiserate the Lioness on the fact that her family did not increase as rapidly as that of a Fox. He went on to tell her of several wellauthenticated cases of twins and even triplets in the Fox family, taking pre-

miums frequently in baby shows, etc. The Lioness admitted the superiority of the Fox as a multiplier, but remarked placidly that they were only Foxes' after all, while her one solitary offspring was a Lion in every sense of the word, teeth, claws and all, and fully qualified to draw a big salary in any first-class menagerie. - Texas Siftings.

Barnum Taken In by a Woman.

P. T. Barnum, the veteran showman, lately appeared as complainant of Maggie Morgan.

Mr. Barnum was accosted by the cloth dipped in clean salt and water; woman on Thirty-seventh street. She then wipe dry at once. This prevents asked the way to No. 153 West One Hundred and Forty-sixth street and was told it was miles wway. "I must walk there all the same," said she, "to tell my sister that my husband broke his leg and is in the hospital." "You never can walk there," said Mr. Barnum, and he gave her a handful of change. The woman said: "God bless you sir, and may you never break your leg," and walked away. Mr. Barnum and was laughed at by his friends. Two weeks later he was accosted by the same woman near the Murray Hill Hotel. "Sir," said she, "will you tell me where the Coroner's office is? My busband is dead and I must carry word there." Mr. Barnum recognized her and caused her arrest.

He told the story to the police justice, and while they were heartily laughing over the joke the woman broke out with, "Mr. Barnum, if you won't make a complaint against me I'll go with your circus for nothing and show myself as the only woman you ever had arrested."

This produed the desired effect, and Mr. Barnum agreed to take the woman at her word. She was thereupon discharged .- New York Times.

Widow Maloney's Pig.

Mike Murphy was taken to task by his spiritual adviser for having stolen Widow Maloney's pig. The evidence against Mike was so direct and positive, that it was worse than useless for him to deny the crime, and he listened with downcast eyes and much meekness to a well-deserved lecture from the priest upon the wickedness of the theft he had committed, till the reverend gentlemen asked him what he would say on the table. Tables are almost always in the Day of Judgment when he should be confronted by Mrs. Maloney and her pig, when he brightened up at a happy thought, and said :

"And ye say that the pig'll be there, yer riverence?" "Yes, the pig 'll be there, and Mrs. Maloney 'll be there, too, living witnesses against you. What, I repeat,

can you say in such presence?" "Yer riverence, I'll say, Widow Ma-

New Tints and Shades, Castor is beaver.

Morron in chestnut. Perle is a pearl gray. Bofs is a dull brown. Noisette is nut brown. Loutre is a seal brown. Nousge is a cloudy gray. Amande is almond brown. Ecorce de chene is a deep tan. Cordone is a rich leather color. Argent is a rich pure silver tint. Feulle morto is dead leaf brown. Champignon is a warm stone color. Bersallier is another name for beige. Cachou is a bright yellowish brown. Landris is a new and very rich dark shade.

Tabac and tabac d'Espagne are a tobacco shade.

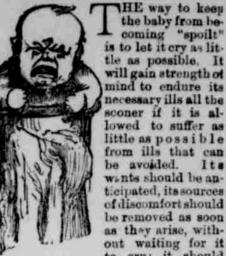
Poor Poet.

Poetry Editor-Well, there is this to be said about the poet; he never pawns

Financial Editor-No? P. E .- No; an overcoat's something

HOUSEHOLD TOPICS.

MANAGING THE BABY.



to cry; it should be prevented in every way from forming the habit of crying. Study its expression; when it is tired of playing on the floor take it up and dance it about the room, and let it look out of the window for a few minutes. In a little while it will be glad to go back and play on the floor again. If it is necessary to resort to discipline, be careful to seize the right moment for it.

If you want the baby to learn to go to sleep without being rocked, choose a day when it has been unusually bright and happy all the morning, wait until twenty minutes or so after the regular hour for its nap, then give a cup of milk particularly sweet and warm and nice, make its little bed soft and cosy, lay it down gently, and soothe it with a little kissing and patting, and, if it is not already too much spoilt, it will only be too happy to close its eyes in the sweetest kind of sleep. If it does not, its fit of crying will be as brief and as little injurious as it can be. HOW TO BREATHE.

Many disease germs enter through an open mouth. The mouth was not made for breathing, but for eating and speaking. The nose was made for breathing, and air, passing through the long, moist, nasal passage, is purified. and leaves behind dust, disease germs, and various impurities, while the air is warmed and tempered for the lungs. But, when the mouth is left open, dust, dirt, and disease rush down into the lungs, and, fastening there, develop and destroy the whole system.

DYSPEPSIA. For dyspepsia pour one quart of cold water upon two tablespoonfuls of unslaked slime, let stand a few minutes, bottle and cork, and when clear, it is ready for use. Put three tablespoonfuls in a cup of milk, and drink any time, usually before meals.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS. Snow, sprinkled over a carpet before sweeping, will keep down the dust and brighten the carpet.

To clean windows, wash them first with tepid water and a sponge; then in a New York police court against a dry them with old linen, and rub them female swindler, who gave the name clean; polish them with a newspaper. To clean straw matting, wash with a

> it from turning yellow. A room crowded to discomfort with furniture and ornaments, no matter how costly, is never restful and homelike, and always suggests the museum

or the shop. It is an essential to health that the air of the kitchen should be as pure as that of the parlor, because food prepared in foul air partakes of the foulness to a great extent.

If your black casbmere is much soiled, have it washed. It will come out new. Care must, however, be taken to have it properly done. The secret lies in quickly drying and press-

If the face seems constantly dry, rub it with a trifle of olive oil every night for a time; if too oily, put s little borax in the water used for bath-

The clothes-line ought never to be tied around fron rails, as is the general custom, for they soon rust and fray it. Wooden pins are better.

TESTED COOKING BECIPES. Boiled Frosting—One cup of granu-lated sugar and five tablespoonfuls of milk, boil four or five minutes, then stir till cold and put on a cool cake. Doughnuts-Two heaping teaspoon-

fuls of baking powder, one quart of flour, two eggs, one cup sugar, one cup milk and one teaspoonful of butter. Baked Apples-Pare and core and fill the apple with sugar, butter and candied lemon peel. Brush all over with sweetened water, and sprinkle with bread crumbs browned in hot but-

ter. Bake. Jelly Cake-One cup of butter, two cups of sugar, one cup of sweet milk. three eggs, four cups of sifted flour and two teaspoonfuls of baking pow-der. Bake in layers, put tart jelly be-tween them, and ice the top.

Croquettes-To one pint chopped beef or veal add one-half pint of cream and one tablespoonful butter (creamed), roll in about a tablespoonful of flour. Put all save the meat into a saucepan, season to taste, and place over the fire to thicken; when this is done pour over the meat, mix thoroughly and form into shape, roll in cracker dust, and fry a nice brown, or if preferred, bake.

Chocolate Macaroons-Melt three ounces of chocolate without sugar in a tin pan, and mix it to a thick paste with one pound of pulverized sugar and the whites of three eggs. Roll this paste to the thickness of onequarter of an inch and cut into small cakes with a paste cutter. Butter a pan slightly and dust it with flour and sugar in equal proportions, and put the cakes in the pan. Bake in a hot oven. The oven should not be too hot.

Buttermilk Muffins-Beat hard two eggs into a quart of buttermilk, and stir in flour to make a thick batter (about one quart), stir in a teaspoonful of salt, add the same of soda; bake in a hot oven in well-greased tins. Pull open with the fingers and butter.

An advertisement in the agricultural An advertisement in the agricultural paper commences with this crushing bit of advice: "Grind your own bones." It seems horrible at first sight, but perhaps it only referred to a convenient method of dealing with family skele-

TALE bearers are improvident. They